



# Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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## Weather Slows Field Progress

### Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state ranged from six degrees below normal to four degrees above normal for the week. Most weather stations reported above normal precipitation. Major agricultural activities included feeding livestock, hauling manure, spring tillage, and planting small grains.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is at 0% very short, 1% short, 69% adequate, and 30% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

**Crop Progress Table**

Percentages	2011	2010	Avg.
Oats Planted	10	34	36
Oats Emerged	--	19	15
Onions Planted	70	83	80
Onion Emerged	--	6	19
Winter Wheat Jointed	10	5	8
Dry Peas Planted	33	10	14
Dry Peas Emerged	--	2	3
Lentils Planted	15	3	3

### Field Crop Report

Poor weather conditions continue to slow field progress throughout much of the state. Sugarbeet planting is estimated to be 18 percent complete at the state level. This is 37 percentage points behind average. The Twin Falls extension reports that some fields in the area have dried allowing planting of cereal grains. Extension educators report that irrigation water supply is mostly good to excellent.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Hay and roughage supplies were reported to be 9% very short, 55% short, 36% adequate, and 0% surplus. The Twin Falls extension reports that pasture and range grass have began to green up but soil temperatures are still to cool for corn planting. Spring calving in Idaho was 96% complete, while lambing was 95% complete.

**Condition Table**

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	1	4	13	70	12
Range and Pasture	4	9	42	42	3
Irr. Water Supply	--	--	3	64	33

**Crop Progress District Table**

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg	2011	2010	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Planted .....	22	40	27	100	99	88	79	82	82	28	11	23	35	28	36
Emerged .....	11	17	7	45	83	61	30	19	24	2	--	5	8	9	12
Barley															
Planted .....	26	41	25	100	86	78	68	69	58	22	2	17	36	23	31
Emerged .....	--	16	7	85	47	59	25	8	16	2	--	7	9	4	9
Potatoes															
Planted .....	NA	NA	NA	15	49	31	5	5	20	--	--	1	2	4	7
Sugarbeets															
Planted .....	NA	NA	NA	34	69	72	20	58	61	1	28	28	18	53	55
Emerged .....	NA	NA	NA	--	5	14	4	--	10	--	--	--	2	-	9

Avg (2006 – 2010); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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# Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, April 17, 2011 <sup>1/</sup>

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
<b>North</b>											
Coeur D' Alene	56	30	42	-6	0.66	0.27	5.63	2.35	64	0	-19
Grangeville	57	25	42	-3	1.22	0.61	4.33	0.48	79	5	-9
Lewiston	66	31	47	-4	0.51	0.23	3.18	1.48	306	29	-29
Porthill	52	27	40	-6	0.67	0.36	3.31	1.09	39	0	-5
Winchester	54	22	37	-5	0.66	0.03	5.48	1.49	26	0	0
<b>Southwest</b>											
Boise	65	32	49	1	0.32	0.04	3.34	1.33	238	25	-32
Emmett	65	29	46	-4	0.44	0.16	4.10	2.13	197	15	-42
Glenns Ferry	66	29	48	0	0.35	0.20	3.57	2.18	190	24	-47
Grandview	67	26	49	-3	0.12	-0.02	1.99	0.92	238	27	-54
Nampa	65	31	48	-4	0.22	0.01	2.34	0.74	215	23	-55
Parma	66	28	48	-2	0.23	0.02	2.79	1.08	239	24	-32
<b>South Central</b>											
Fairfield	56	29	41	1	0.25	0.00	2.60	0.75	17	0	-2
Malta	63	21	46	1	0.58	0.37	2.80	1.49	134	20	-31
Picabo	59	26	42	2	0.35	0.14	3.22	1.53	50	0	-9
Rupert	64	25	46	2	0.41	0.21	2.25	0.98	123	12	-24
Twin Falls	64	28	47	2	0.48	0.27	2.88	1.30	146	16	-26
<b>East</b>											
Aberdeen	62	29	46	3	0.17	-0.04	1.35	0.18	93	11	-20
Ashton	53	21	40	1	0.50	0.15	2.08	-0.32	16	0	-3
Fort Hall	62	27	47	3	0.30	0.05	2.47	0.81	106	13	-22
Idaho Falls	64	30	46	3	0.13	-0.08	1.68	0.35	114	11	-19
Lava Hot Springs	59	29	44	1	0.58	0.33	4.51	2.85	63	1	-34
Montevue	64	22	42	-1	0.13	-0.06	1.34	0.28	40	0	-24
Preston	59	28	46	1	0.52	0.24	4.36	2.55	95	11	-30
Rexburg	60	23	44	4	0.24	-0.04	1.91	0.31	69	5	-9

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit [www.awis.com](http://www.awis.com) or call 1-888-798-9955.